

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits of this patent application. By this paper, claims 1, 16 and 24 are amended. Claims 1 and 16 are amended to address several informalities. "Than said" is inserted before "magnification changing optical unit" in claim 1. "A stop" is changed to "said stop" in claim 16. Also, claims 16 and 24 are amended to clarify that the light amount adjustment stop is placed closer to the object side than the "magnification changing optical unit," instead of the "fourth unit." Support for these amendments is found throughout the Specification and claims as originally filed, including, for example, original Figures 1-6 and 8. No new matter would be added to this application by entry of these amendments.

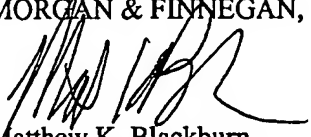
This application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-4806.

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